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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER SPECULATION RE AFL-CIO

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1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT AFL-CIO POSITION REGARDING THE
ALLEGED AFL-CIO PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE ILO IN LATIN
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AMERICA WITH A STRENGTHENED REGIONAL TRIPARTITE
MECHANISM IN OAS: AFL-CIO SOURCES WERE SURPRISED AND
MYSTIFIED ON READING THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS ARTICLE CITED
REFTEL. THEY CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT EITHER MCLELLAN
OR BOGGS HAD MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS WHILE IN ARGENTINA.

2. THEY HOWEVER EXPLAINED THAT SOME SUCH TRIPARTITE OAS

MECHANISM HAD EARLIER BEEN CONSIDERED, AS A VERY REMOTE POSSIBILITY, IN CANVASSING VARIOUS OPTIONS WITH A VIEW TO ENHANCING OAS ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT NOT REPEAT NOT TO REPLACE THE ILO.

3. RE THE ALLEGED REORGANIZATION OF ORIT, AFL-CIO SOURCES EXPLAINED THAT THE AFL-CIO HAD OPPOSED THE ORIT DECENTRALIZATION PROPOSED BY ARGENTINA AND VENEZUELA TWO YEARS AGO. ("IT IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO SUPPORT ORIT HEADQUARTERS IN MEXICO CITY; ANY DECENTRALIZATION PLANS WOULD BE

FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE.") MOREOVER, AT THE APRIL, 1977 ORIT CONVENTION BOTH VENEZUELA AND ARGENTINA WITHDREW THEIR PROPOSALS FOR SUBREGIONAL ORIT OFFICES, AFL-CIO SOURCES SAID. VANCE

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